



EXPLORE RAPID CREEK

Gurambai, Larrakia Country

Gurambai is the Larrakia name for Rapid Creek. The Larrakia people are the traditional owners of the lands and waters around Darwin. Their country runs from Cox Peninsula in the west to Gunn Point in the north, Adelaide River in the east and down to the Manton Dam area in the south. Gurambai means elbow, referring to the shape of the creek towards its mouth. Rapid Creek has been the source of plentiful food and fresh water for countless generations of Larrakia people.

Rapid Creek forms the only significant freshwater system in Darwin. Around ten kilometres long, it supports rich and varied wildlife in important vegetation communities, including mangroves, savannah woodland, riverine monsoon forest, grasslands and paperbark swamps. Rapid Creek and its catchment are under threat from weeds, late dry season wildfires, water pollution and inappropriate development and clearing.

The Rapid Creek Landcare Group looks after Rapid Creek through on-ground work, promoting awareness about the creek and advocating for better management throughout the catchment.

For more information visit www.rapidcreek.org.au

Key Sites of Interest

1. Viewing platform
2. Yellow footbridge
3. Accessible fishing platform
4. 'The Spit' - *Recent focus of Landcare group revegetation*
5. Lakeside Drive Community Garden
6. Jingili Water Gardens and Community Garden
7. Red footbridge
8. V-notch weir and gauging station
9. Yankee Pools - *WWII defence forces swimming spot*
10. Mercure Hotel
11. Flood Mitigation Weir
12. Gurambai Trail - *Creekside walk through rainforest: a collaborative project developed by the Larrakia traditional owners, and the Airport Development Group.'*
13. Marrara swamp

Bird List

Megapode & Quail

Orange-footed Scrubfowl
Brown Quail

Ducks, Geese & Grebe

Magpie Goose
Plumed Whistling-Duck
Wandering Whistling-Duck
Radjah Shelduck
Green Pygmy-goose
Grey Teal
Pacific Black Duck
Hardhead
Australasian Grebe

Pigeons & Doves

Pacific Emerald Dove
Peaceful Dove
Bar-shouldered Dove
Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove
Torresian Imperial-Pigeon

Frogmouth, Nightjars & Swift

Tawny Frogmouth
Spotted Nightjar
Large-tailed Nightjar
Australian Owlet-nightjar
Pacific Swift

Frigatebird, Darter & Cormorants

Lesser Frigatebird
Australasian Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Pied Cormorant

Pelican & Stork

Australian Pelican
Black-necked Stork

Hérons, Egrets and Bittern

Black Bittern
Great Egret
Intermediate Egret
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron
Pied Heron
White-faced Heron
Little Egret
Eastern Reef Egret
Nankeen Night-Heron

Ibis and Spoonbill

Glossy Ibis
Australian White Ibis

Straw-necked Ibis
Royal Spoonbill

Eagles, Kites, Goshawks, Osprey & Falcons

Osprey
Black-shouldered Kite
Pacific Baza
White-bellied Sea-Eagle



Red headed Honey eater. Photo Peter Cooke

Whistling Kite
Brahminy Kite
Black Kite
Brown Goshawk
Collared Sparrowhawk
Grey Goshawk
Spotted Harrier
Wedge-tailed Eagle
Nankeen Kestrel
Brown Falcon
Australian Hobby
Peregrine Falcon

Crane, Crakes, Rail & Coot

Brolga
Buff-banded Rail
Baillon's Crake
White-browed Crake
Eurasian Coot

Stone-curlews

Bush Stone-curlew
Beach Stone-curlew

Oystercatchers, Stilt & Avocet

Australian Pied Oystercatcher
Sooty Oystercatcher
Pied Stilt
Red-necked Avocet

Plovers, Dotterels, Lapwing & Jacana

Pacific Golden-Plover
Grey Plover
Red-capped Plover
Lesser Sand-Plover

Greater Sand-Plover
Oriental Plover
Black-fronted Dotterel
Red-kneed Dotterel
Masked Lapwing
Comb-crested Jacana

Snipes, Sandpipers, Godwits, Curlews & Stint

Swinhoe's Snipe
Black-tailed Godwit
Bar-tailed Godwit
Little Curlew
Whimbrel
Far Eastern Curlew
Terek Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Broad-billed Sandpiper
Grey-tailed Tattler
Common Greenshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone
Great Knot
Red Knot
Sanderling
Red-necked Stint
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Curlew Sandpiper

Button-quails

Red-backed Buttonquail
Red-chested Buttonquail

Pratincoles

Oriental Pratincole
Australian Pratincole



Nankeen Night-Heron. Photo - Ian Lancaster

Gull & Terns

Crested Tern
Lesser Crested Tern
White-winged Tern
Little Tern
Gull-billed Tern

Caspian Tern
Whiskered Tern
Silver Gull

Cockatoos, Galah & Corella

Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Galah
Little Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

Parrot, Lorikeets & Rosella

Red-collared Lorikeet
Varied Lorikeet
Red-winged Parrot
Northern Rosella

Cuckoos

Pheasant Coucal
Pacific Koel
Channel-billed Cuckoo
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo
Little Bronze-Cuckoo
Pallid Cuckoo
Brush Cuckoo
Oriental Cuckoo
Black-eared Cuckoo

Owls

Rufous Owl
Barking Owl
Southern Boobook
Barn Owl

Kingfishers & Bee-eater

Azure Kingfisher
Little Kingfisher
Blue-winged Kookaburra
Forest Kingfisher
Sacred Kingfisher
Torresian Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater

Dollarbird, Pitta & Bowerbird

Dollarbird
Rainbow Pitta
Great Bowerbird

Fairy-wren

Red-backed Fairy-wren

Weebill, Gerygones & Pardalote

Weebill
Mangrove Gerygone
Large-billed Gerygone
Green-backed Gerygone
Striated Pardalote

Honeyeaters & Friarbirds

White-gaped Honeyeater

Bar-breasted Honeyeater
Rufous-banded Honeyeater
Dusky Myzomela
Red-headed Myzomela
Banded Honeyeater
Brown Honeyeater
White-throated Honeyeater
Blue-faced Honeyeater
Helmeted Friarbird
Silver-crowned Friarbird
Little Friarbird

Babbler & Cicadabird

Grey-crowned Babbler
Common Cicadabird
Cuckoo-shrikes & Trillers
Black-faced Cuckooshrike
White-bellied Cuckooshrike
White-winged Triller
Varied Triller



Northern Rosella. Photo Ian Lancaster

Whistlers & Shrike-thrushes

Grey Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Arafura Shrikethrush

Orioles & Figbird

Australasian Figbird
Green Oriole
Olive-backed Oriole

Woodswallows & Butcherbirds

White-browed Woodswallow
White-breasted Woodswallow
Masked Woodswallow
Black-faced Woodswallow
Black Butcherbird
Silver-backed Butcherbird
Pied Butcherbird
Drongo
Spangled Drongo

Fantails

Mangrove Fantail
Arafura Fantail

Northern Fantail
Willie-wagtail

Crow

Torresian Crow

Flycatchers

Broad-billed Flycatcher
Leaden Flycatcher
Shining Flycatcher
Paperbark Flycatcher
Magpie-lark
Lemon-bellied Flycatcher

Robin & Lark

Mangrove Robin
Australasian Bushlark

Cisticolas

Zitting Cisticola
Golden-headed Cisticola

Grassbird & White-eye

Tawny Grassbird
Australian Yellow White-eye

Martins

Fairy Martin
Tree Martin

Mistletoebird

Mistletoebird

Swallows

Barn Swallow
Red-rumped Swallow

Finches & Mannikins

Double-barred Finch
Long-tailed Finch
Masked Finch
Crimson Finch
Yellow-rumped Mannikin
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin

Pipit & Wagtail

Australasian Pipit
Eastern Yellow Wagtail
Grey Wagtail



Red-Tailed Black-Cockatoo. Photo Ian Lancaster

Rapid Creek Landcare Group

The group has been active for three decades, we were incorporated in 1997. Our members are volunteers who are passionate about Rapid Creek. We achieve our goals through on-ground Projects, Campaigns and Working Bees. We welcome new members, please contact us through the website.

Our goals

The group's objects and purposes are:

- Restore and protect natural ecosystems within the Rapid Creek catchment
- Promote the implementation of the broad concepts and principles outlined in the Rapid Creek Management Plan
- Establish and maintain links with and between community groups, landholders and other stakeholders in the Rapid Creek catchment to facilitate understanding and support
- Involve the community in the management and enjoyment of the Rapid Creek open space land
- Develop understanding in the community of the natural values and cultural heritage of the Rapid Creek catchment and of land, flora and fauna conservation



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